

Joint Task Force Guantanamo

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Brigadier General James C. Lettko Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Guantanamo

Brigadier General Lettko serves as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

BG Lettko earned his commission in 1984 through the Clarkson University Reserve Officer Training Program.

He then entered active duty attending the engineer officer basic course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia with a follow-on assignment with the 7th Engineer Brigade, near Stuttgart Germany.

BG Lettko left active duty in 1987 to join the New York Army National Guard where he served in a variety of combat support and engineer unit command and staff positions to include engineer battalion commander and engineer brigade executive officer.



In 2005, he deployed to north central Iraq with the 42d Infantry Division and led the Division's infrastructure reconstruction efforts focusing on Iraqi strategic infrastructure security and improvement. Subsequent to his deployment in 2005, BG Lettko served as Director of the New York Army National Guard Personnel Office (G1) and the Army Chief of Staff for the Joint Forces Headquarters – New York.

Concurrent to these assignments, he earned a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. BG Lettko has participated in most domestic operations affecting New York State since 1995 ranging from weather events to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.